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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, UY  
SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS: CASE OF JULIO CASTRO PEREZ

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REF: (A) STATE 215327 (B) MONTEVIDEO 4269 (C) MONTEVIDEO 4338  
(D) MONTEVIDEO 4597

1. BEGIN [REDACTED] OCTOBER 4, MONTEVIDEO'S DAILIES PUBLISHED ANOTHER POLICE NOTICE (WITH PHOTOGRAPH) REGARDING THE CASE OF JULIO CASTRO PEREZ. ACCORDING TO NOTICE, (INVESTIGATIONS (PRESUMABLY BY POLICE) REVEALED THAT CASTRO LEFT URUGUAY ON SEPT. 22, ABOARD PLUNA FLIGHT 159 FROM MONTEVIDEO CARRASCO AIRPORT FOR BUENOS AIRES CITY AIRPORT (AEROPARQUE). NOTICE ADDED THAT CASTRO'S PERSONAL VEHICLE HAS NOT BEEN LOCATED.

2. THE NAME OF JULIO CASTRO PEREZ WAS AMONG THOSE SUBMITTED ON SEPT 6 TO JOINT STAFF COL. CAMPS BY EMBASSY WITH REQUEST FOR DETAILS REGARDING HIS STATE OF HEALTH, PLACE OF DETENTION, AND STAGE OF JUDICIAL PROCESS (REF B). ON OCT. 3, THE AIR ATTACHE MET WITH COL. CAMPS AND AGAIN RAISED THE CASTRO CASE.

3. FINALLY, ON OCT. 21, THE DCM CONFRONTED CAMPS WITH FULL DETAILS ON CASTRO CASE. CAMPS BROUGHT OUT HIS FILE ON THE CASE, PRODUCED THE ABOVE-MENTIONED CLIPPING WITH A PHOTOGRAPH, AND ASKED IF THIS WAS THE JULIO PEREZ WE WERE LOOKING FOR. WHEN THE DCM REPLIED THAT IT WAS, CAMPS STATED, "WELL THEN, IF IT IS, THE ANSWER IS NO. WE DO NOT HAVE HIM, BUT WE ARE LOOKING FOR HIM." END [REDACTED]

4. BEGIN [REDACTED] (NOFORN). [REDACTED] A COPY OF THE PLUNA PASSENGER LIST REFERRED TO IN PARA 1. THIS LIST INCLUDES AS NUMBER 50 OF 51 PASSENGERS A JULIO CASTRO WITH SUBJECT'S CEDULA NUMBER AND A BIRTH DATE WHICH IS CORRECT AS TO MONTH AND DAY BUT LISTS SUBJECT'S YEAR OF BIRTH AS 1938 INSTEAD OF 1936. THIS SAME PASSENGER LIST INCLUDES A SECOND JULIO CASTRO AS PASSENGER NO. 16, WITH SUBJECT'S PARTICULARS CORRECT IN ALL ASPECTS AND WITH A TYPED NOTATION THAT HE DID NOT EMBARK. END [REDACTED] (NOFORN)

5. BEGIN [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE ABOVE DEVELOPMENT LEAVE THE FATE OF JULIO CASTRO PEREZ SHROUDED IN A MYSTERY WHICH WE WILL PROBABLY NEVER UNRAVEL. THE ORIGINAL NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITIES REGARDING CASTRO'S DISAPPEARANCE (REF D), THE PLUNA PASSENGER LIST, AND COL. CAMPS' DISCLAIMER TO THE DCM LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT CASTRO IS NOT HELD BY THE URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES. WHETHER THE EXPLANATION IS THAT HE DIED WHILE IN DETENTION, DISAPPEARED AS PART OF A PLAN TO EMBARRASS THE GOV, OR YET ANOTHER, IS UNCLEAR. IN ANY CASE, WE HAVE NO FURTHER PATHS TO EXPLORE AT THIS MOMENT.

6. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND VOLA HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THIS CASE.

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